



DU Retirees 2026



June 2026 News and Information

Hello Retirees!

It has been a crazy Spring! WOW! Who would believe we had 80-degree days followed by snow. Only in Colorado. I hope our summer is a little more predictable with lots of sun, moderately warm temperatures and rain a little more often.

I'm trying my hand at a plot in my community garden. And I am hoping it turns out well, since there is a certain amount of comparison that goes on between the owners. I'd hate to be labelled a failure my first year!

Here we are at the end of the 2025/26 academic year. We have one more luncheon, the Summer Barbeque, June 10, 2026, at the Wellshire Event Center. All the details will follow this greeting.

We don't send out an e-blast for July and August. But keep an eye out if there's a time-sensitive topic you need to be informed of. We will resume our regular monthly e-blast in September 2026.

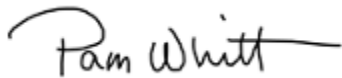
This is my last greeting. I am pleased and honored to announce that the DU Retirees Board has elected new officers. Starting in the new academic year, your officers are:

- Chair, Annie Hoskinson
- Vice Chair, Greg Grauberger
- Secretary, Carole Burgess
- Treasurer, Bill Lobb

We are very excited to have new leadership to carry out their duties with excitement, energy and fresh ideas.

I thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me and other officers over the past 14 years and look forward to our exciting future.

Thank you for everything

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pam Whitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Pam Whitt, Chairperson
DU Retirees Board

DU Retirees 31st Annual Summer Barbecue

You and your guest are cordially invited to attend the 31st Annual Summer Barbecue being hosted on Wednesday, June 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Wellshire Event Center located at 3222 S. Colorado Blvd.

RSVP by Friday, June 5, to Carole Burgess at: Carole.Burgess@du.edu, or phone in your reservation at 303-810-9901 and leave a voice message. Please be sure to include the name and email addresses for both you and your guest, so your reservation can be confirmed.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

Stay Curious This Summer with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at DU (OLLI at DU)

Looking for engaging, enriching programming this summer? OLLI has a few great options to keep you learning through the season. Drop into one of three single-session courses at the Broomfield Community Center, catch a Tuesday morning webinar through our Summer Shorts series on Zoom, or join a multi-week Osher Online course connecting you with lifelong learners across the country - all from the comfort of home. [Visit the OLLI website](#) to see what's available and register.

Join Us This Summer for Tai Chi in the Park

Presented by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Denver, the Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging, and Colorado Chinese Medicine University.

Looking for a gentle, energizing way to start your Monday mornings? Join us at Denver's beautiful Observatory Park for a free Tai Chi series running every Monday at 9 a.m. from June through August. Open to all levels—beginners welcome! Led by experienced instructors, this community wellness program is a wonderful opportunity to improve balance, reduce stress, and connect with others in the fresh Colorado air. No experience necessary, just bring yourself and enjoy the movement.

Longbrake Family Foundation Retiree Education Fund

The Longbrake Family Foundation Retiree Education Fund was created for the purpose of providing University of Denver retirees with a limited number of small stipends to assist with the financial portion of continuing education at DU. Review the steps to learn more about how to apply for and use the stipend, or make a contribution to the fund on the [Longbrake website](#).

Kaiser Permanente

Stay connected with your care through the Kaiser Permanente app. With the [Kaiser website](#) and the Kaiser Permanente app, you can refill most prescriptions, schedule or cancel appointments, view most lab test results, use virtual care options, and more. To get started, download the app and sign in with your Kaiser account.

Alumni Relations

Emeritus Tea and 50-Year Medallion Ceremony—Friday, June 12, 12:30 p.m., Tuscan Ballroom, Knoebel Event Center

Join emeritus faculty, retired staff, and Pioneer Alumni Legends for this cherished DU tradition honoring the Class of 1976. Enjoy afternoon tea, music, and fellowship as we celebrate enduring connections across generations of the DU community.

[RSVP Here](#)

Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging (KIHA)

Navigating Your Roadmap to Successful Aging - Aging Transitions: An Interview with Julie Butscher, MSW, Aging Therapist

Online only, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, June 11

Join Aging at 5280 Founder and Owner, Cindy Koch and Elder Care Manager, Karen Summers, each month as they feature guest speakers covering essential topics. Within this webinar, Cindy Koch and Karen Summers will be hosting Julie Butscher, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, as they discuss the many decisions that need to be made as we age.

[Register Here](#)

If you are having trouble registering, please email riley.coyne@du.edu directly for assistance.

Navigating Your Roadmap to Successful Aging - Difficult Conversations that Improve Your Life

Online only, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Thursday, August 13

Join Aging at 5280 Founder and Owner, Cindy Koch and Elder Care Manager, Karen Summers, each month as they feature guest speakers covering essential topics. Within this webinar, Cindy Koch and Karen Summers will be hosting Shelly Smith-Acuña, Ph.D. Dr. Smith-Acuña is a Professor and Dean Emerita of the Graduate School of Professional Psychology (GSPP) at the University of Denver (DU), where she has been on faculty for

34 years and was Dean for 10 years. This presentation will focus on the barriers to good communication around difficult topics and will provide skills and strategies for improving these conversations.

[Register Here](#)

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Alzheimer's/Dementia 101

Tuesday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. MST

You're invited to our free zoom seminar hosted by Dementia Friendly Denver's JJ Jordan titled Alzheimer's/Dementia 101 - Facts, Treatments, Caregiving, Research, Risk Reduction. This comprehensive seminar will explore the risk factors, warning signs, and lifestyle changes that could lower your risk for dementia. This webinar is offered monthly.

[Register Here](#)

2026 RTD Booklets

To request RTD booklets, contact benefits@du.edu. Be sure to include your name and mailing address. You may request up to two booklets each quarter. Booklets are subject to availability.

DU Retiree Parking Passes at a Discount

DU Retirees are eligible to receive a sizable discount for parking in the Newman Center Parking Lot and/or the lot due south of the Ritchie Center. Show your DU Retiree ID at the Parking Services Office to be eligible to purchase a parking pass for \$8.00 per quarter or \$32 for the year. Please be aware that prices may change for the 2026-2027 academic year.

2026-2027 DU Retirees Luncheon Dates

Mark your calendar now for future Luncheon dates being hosted at the Wellshire Event Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. next academic year:

- Fall Luncheon: Wednesday, October 21, 2026
 - Spring Luncheon: Wednesday, March 17, 2027
 - Summer Barbecue: Wednesday, June 9, 2027
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Visit to DU Kennedy Mountain Campus

For those registered to enjoy a visit to the DU Mountain Campus on Monday, June 1, see the reminder below regarding departure information:

Departure time will be 7:30 a.m. from DU Parking Lot 108. There are 50 parking spaces reserved for registered guests. Entrance to the lot is located at the intersection of Buchtel Blvd. and South Josephine Street, one block east of University Blvd. off of Buchtel Blvd. Suggested items to bring include the following:

- Refillable water bottle (hydration is important at altitude)
 - Mid-day medications, if needed
 - Sunscreen, sunglasses, and a sun hat
 - Layered clothing for changing weather conditions
 - Rain gear, as the guided Nature Walk will occur rain or shine
 - Snacks for the coach ride
 - Hiking poles for the Nature and Forest Therapy Walk (optional, as the walk is only a couple hundred feet)
 - Smartphone or camera for photos
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June Lamont School of Music Concerts

Lamont Jazz Orchestra: Award-winning composer Gabriel Santiago performs original works of Brazilian rhythms and contemporary jazz

Gates Hall—Monday, June 1, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Two Free parterre tickets at Box Office with DU Retiree ID

Free parking

Lamont Wind Ensemble: Innovative sharing of chamber works

Gates Hall—Wednesday, June 3, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Two Free parterre tickets at Box Office with DU Retiree ID

Free parking

Awards Convocation

Gates Hall—Friday, June 5, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

FREE admission—No ticket required

Tickets for the following three Concerts are NOT available for our Retiree package but may be purchased through the Newman Center Box Office by calling 303-871-7720.

Denver Chamber Music Festival "Virtuosity and Poetry"

Hamilton Hall—Tuesday, June 9, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Denver Chamber Music Festival "Between Worlds"

Hamilton Hall—Friday, June 12, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Denver Chamber Music Festival "Ireland, Appalachia & Mendelssohn"

Hamilton Hall—Saturday, June 13, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Useful Links

- [DU Campus Information](#)
- [DU Master Calendar of Events Information](#)
- [Newman Center Presents](#)

- [Lamont School of Music](#)
- [DU Athletics](#)
- [Denver Public Library Programs for Older Adults](#)
- [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Programs \(OLLI\)](#)
 - Retirees are exempt from the \$20 up charge for on campus classes.
- [Knoebel Institute for Healthy Aging](#)
- [Senior Resources on Aging \(Aging at 5280\)](#)
- [RTD Access-a-Ride for persons with disabilities](#)
- [A Little Help](#)
 - Volunteers helping seniors with transportation, technology, yard work, snow removal, and other services

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